



## TAUNTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT COMMISSION

### MINUTES OF MEETING

November 25, 2015

Commissioners: Fred Terra, Chairman  
Bob Adams Vice-Chairman  
William Manganielo  
Jim Madigan  
Burton Schriber  
Charles Malo  
Jan Boboruzian

Airport Manager: Dan Raposa  
Treasurer: Joe Lawlor  
Recording Secretary: Ted Porada  
Airport Ground Services: Ted Porada  
Airport Solutions Group: Bob Mallard

Others in Attendance: Dr. Bruzzi, Mike Bruzzi, Jerry Field, Charlie Pickett, Steve Proffetty, Mike Dupont, Doel Torres, Gene Ribeiro, Alex Dupont, Donny Almeida, Doug Cooper, Karl Abers, Amelia Dupont, Melinda Payne-Dupont, Lisa Connell, Juanita Gallagher, Ken Gibson and Damon Solomon.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Commission Chairman Fred Terra.

### Engineers Report

Bob Mallard with Airport Solutions Group. The master plan itself is essentially done. The only outstanding item is to complete the SOPPs. Construction of Taxiway Bravo hasn't had a lot of movement on the project. We are waiting for MASS-DOT's consultant on the master control for the pedestrian gate to get back to us. The only other two items are associated with the "not authorized at night", we were just informed that the airport did remove all the obstructions listed by the FAA at the runway 30 end and we are currently working with the FAA to try to get the database updated appropriately so that they can be removed.

**FRED:** When you get an update on that Bob, please give us a call and let us know. Any questions of the engineer? None?, Ok, thanks a lot Bob. Tell Jim even though you are here, we miss him.

### Secretary's Report

Secretary's report of the minutes of October 28, 2015 as presented. Jim Madigan makes motion to accept. Jan Boboruzian seconds.

**FRED: Any discussion? All in favor? Unanimous. So voted.**

### **Treasurer's Report**

Joe Lawlor: Monthly reports on the income for the month of November. We have received \$18,278.71, as for expenses for the month of November is \$13,663.14, so we have a positive cash flow of \$4,615.07. Our two accounts as of the end of November, for the "25 or the general ledger account" we have a balance of \$118,579.73 and the balance on our grant accounts is \$268.05.

**FRED: Bob Adams makes a motion to accept. Seconded by Jim Madigan. All in favor? Unanimous. So voted.**

### **Airport Managers Report-Dan Raposa**

**Fuel survey** taken over the weekend. It ranges from \$5.65 to \$5.80.

Current fuel price is \$4.90 Cash, \$5.05 for credit cards, house accounts and checks.

**Airside inspections.** All of the lights have been staked so that they are visible for us while we are working snow. A new plow blade was purchased for the International truck because the cutting edge was worn down to board after 4-5 years. We have a new carbon-tech blade for the Ford pick-up on order.

**USDA Wildlife** program update. We had another taking of wildlife here in October. Four deer were taken by USDA. This was the third hunt. The first time they took 5 deer. A coyote was taken the second time. The deer used the four foot fence on the King property on Middleboro Avenue to get off the Airport.

**FRED: Does the commission have any questions of the manager? None**

### **Old Business:**

SOPPs. - Last month the commission was presented with the SOPPs by Airport Solutions Group. We published them so we could get input and there were some legitimate concerns. I would recommend that we accept these SOPPs and set a subcommittee to address the concerns that were made and make a recommendation back to the commission once that committee has finalized it.

**FRED: Once the recommendations are approved we will send the SOPPs up to Mass-DOT for their approval. I recommend Jan to chair that committee with Bob and Bill as committee members with Joe and Dan to serve in advisory positions.**

JAN: I make a motion to accept them but to have a committee to review them before they go up to Mass-DOT.

FRED: **Do I have a second on that?**

BOB: Second

**FRED: Now Discussion**

There was a lot of discussion among the commissioners over the SOPPs

**FRED: We can accept it tonight with the stipulation that any recommendations that come back from the sub-committee will be reviewed and we may make any desired changes.**

**FRED: All in favor? Yes: Bob, Burt, Jim and Jan**

**No: Bill and Charlie**

**It carries (4-2)**

**Any other old business**

**New Business**

**We are going to set the rates for next year.**

Joe: The expenses from 2013-2015 stayed roughly the same. My recommendations for fee structure change is only to the lease agreements or leases and only to the point that it keeps pace with inflation. So I am making a recommendation for 1% or under, for the leases for building leases. I am recommending that we go up one half (1/2)% from \$8.85 to \$8.90 per square foot and under property lease increasing from \$.20 1/2 per square foot to \$.21 per square foot. The rest of the fees I am recommending we stay the same. There is no need for an increase because our expenditures are ok and our profit margins are ok.

**FRED: Do I hear a motion on Joe's Report?**

Burt: Make a motion to increase the rates.

**FRED: as Joe recommends?**

Burt: as Joe recommends, yes.

**FRED: Do I hear a second**

Jim: I will second it

**FRED: Any more discussion on it? All in favor? Yes: Burt, Jim, Jan, Bob  
Opposed No: Bill and Charlie**

**FRED: Any other new Business?**

**PUBLIC INPUT**

**OK, we will have public input, and just a reminder to everybody to keep it civil.**

Bill: I have a question or maybe it's under new business or maybe it is under public input. When is the manager's contract set to expire, in April?

**FRED: Correct**

Bill. We planning to put out a request for proposals?

**FRED: More than likely. Yes**

There was much discussion on the SOPPs with various speakers from the audience and the Commission. Doug Cooper and Juanita Gallagher spoke in opposition as did Commissioner Manganiello and Commissioner Malo.

**Loud Clapping and disruptive noise from the crowd:**

**FRED: No clapping. It's not going to be finally accepted until we get approval from Mass-DOT. Like we said we are accepting the document tonight but we are still going to be working on the SOPPs until we get the final approval from Mass-DOT.**

Juanita: Did the Taunton Pilots Association get back with input to the airport staff?

**FRED: They did. We got input from them.**

Juanita: OK

**FRED: We did get input from them.**

Juanita: Thank you

**FRED: Go ahead Charlie**

Charlie: I wanted to re-enforce that I think we should have some folks from the community on this to get their input

**FRED: This an TMAC decision and will be reviewed and voted on by the Commission:**

Crowd starts to clap loudly with hooting and becomes disorderly and disruptive . . .

Jan: Motion to adjourn

**FRED: Do I have a second?**

BOB: Second

**FRED: All in favor? Yes: Jan, Burt,Bob, Jim No: Bill and Charlie**

**Next meeting December 30, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Leonard F. Rose SRE Building.**

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